

OPINION 1653

Mirochernes Beier, 1930 (Arachnida, Pseudoscorpionida): *Chelanops dentatus* Banks, 1895 confirmed as the type species

Ruling

(1) It is hereby confirmed that the nominal species *Chelanops dentatus* Banks, 1895 is the type species of the genus *Mirochernes* Beier, 1930.

(2) The name *Mirochernes* Beier, 1930 (gender: masculine), type species by original designation as confirmed in (1) above *Chelanops dentatus* Banks, 1895, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *dentatus* Banks, 1895, as published in the binomen *Chelanops dentatus* (specific name of the type species of *Mirochernes* Beier, 1930), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2692

An application for the confirmation of *Chelanops dentatus* Banks, 1895 as the type species of *Mirochernes* Beier, 1930 was received from Dr M.S. Harvey (*Western Australian Museum, Perth, Australia*) on 14 November 1988. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 47: 22–23 (March 1990). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

An alternative approach in this case would have been to ask the Commission to use its plenary powers to suppress all uses of the name *Mirochernes* prior to that by Beier, 1932 (cf. para. 2 of the application). Dr Harvey did not favour this course.

Decision of the Commission

On 6 March 1991 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 47: 22–23. At the close of the voting period on 6 June 1991 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 25: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 3: Minelli, Savage and Schuster.

Voting against, Minelli and Schuster commented that they would have preferred to suppress the uses of *Mirochernes* prior to Beier (1932).

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

dentatus, *Chelanops*, Banks, 1895, *Journal of the New York Entomological Society*, 3: 6.
Mirochernes Beier, 1930, *Annalen des Naturhistorischen Museums in Wien*, 44: 216.